

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Sinclair House

## 2. Location

street &amp; number Route 33 \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Tilghman \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district Fifth

state MD county Talbot

## 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use       |   |
|---|--|---|-------------------|---|
| ___ district                                    | ___ public   | ___ occupied  | ___ agriculture   | ___ museum  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied      | ___ commercial    | ___ park  |
| ___ structure                                   | ___ both   | ___ work in progress                                | ___ educational   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| ___ site  | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | ___ entertainment | ___ religious   |
| ___ object                                      | ___ in process                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | ___ government    | ___ scientific  |
|   | ___ being considered                               | ___ yes: unrestricted                               | ___ industrial    | ___ transportation                                    |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | ___ no  | ___ military      | ___ other:  |

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edward T. and Rose T. Garvin

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town Tilghman state and zip code MD 21671

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 530

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio 36

city, town Easton state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. T-848

Condition  
☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

Check one  
☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

Check one  
☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Sinclair house is located on the west side of the main road in the village of Tilghman on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The exterior of this two-story, frame house is clad in yellow weatherboard siding. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and the house is supported by low, brick piers.

The two bay east (main) facade has one six-over-six sash window and a door with a four light transom and sidelights on the first story. Two six-over-six sash windows light the second story.

The south gable end elevation has two six-over-six sash windows on both the first and second story. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this south gable end and two square, four light windows are inset into the attic story. A two-story wing extends to the west from the primary wing with a one-story, shed roof addition across the first floor and two six-over-six sash windows on the second floor. The shed addition has an entrance door and a casement window.

The west gable end elevation is blind and has an interior brick chimney. A one-story shed addition with vertical siding and a casement window is connected to the first floor of this gable end.

The north elevation of the primary wing is blind. The two story addition to the rear of this wing has two six-over-six sash windows on the first and second floors.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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| Period                                    | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric      | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

## Specific dates

## Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Sinclair house acts as the end of the commercial block which begins with the Howeth home on Bayshore Drive and includes the Howeth Department Store, the Barbershop, and the Bank. The Jackson Pharmacy was formerly located to the south of the Sinclair house. Today, Hardy Jackson uses this empty site for his summer vegetable stand.

One Island resident remembers the Goves living in this house in the 1920s, another remembers this as the Sinclair home. The Sinclair structure is one of a collection of two story, single pile, frame houses in the village of Tilghman which date to the turn of the twentieth century.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-848

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Sinclair House  
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





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TILGHMAN ISLAND, TALBOT COUNTY, MD.

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